



U.S. Department of the Interior
"To-Be" Trust Business Model
Process Template

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1. Process Definition *Provide an overview of the process and define its starting and ending points*

1.1 Starts With	End of 30-Day Notice period.
1.2 Process Overview	This includes preparation of an automated format to address the background of the application and supporting documentation required to support the decision recommended by the staff.
1.3 Stops With	Submit recommendation to Delegated Line Official.

2. Trust Business Objectives *Identify the Comprehensive Trust Model strategic goals and business objectives to which this process contributes.*

Goal/Objective
Goal 2: Tribal self-governance and self-determination that increase participation in managing assets
Goal 3: Ownership information that is accurate, timely, and reliable
Objective 3.1: Surveys – Establish accurate and current surveys to ensure correct boundaries for trust individual and tribal lands and any resulting revenue distribution.
Objective 3.2: Probate and Estate Administration – Consistently prioritize and quickly resolve probate and estate administration cases effectively to meet asset management and beneficiary service requirements.
Objective 3.3: Title, Realty, and Administrative Information – Develop, maintain, and make readily available accurate and current asset ownership and administrative information that is managed to professional fiduciary standards.

3. How should Beneficiaries be involved in this process?

Beneficiary Involvement
Not applicable at this stage.



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4. Organizations, Offices and Roles. Identify the DOI organizations and related roles that should be involved in performing the process.

4.1 DOI Organizations. Identify the DOI organizations, offices and individual roles that contribute to this process.

DOI organizations include the Office of the Secretary, BIA, OST, BLM, MMS, OHA, OSM among others.

Offices include Central Offices, Regional Offices, Agency(Field) Offices, etc.

All individual roles that contribute, in a significant manner, should be identified.

Organization	Office	Role	Contribution
BIA	Agency		Review information submitted for compliance with statute, law, regulation and policy and produce recommendation.
BIA	Region		Review information submitted for compliance with statute, law, regulation and policy and produce recommendation.
Tribes	Applicable tribal office.		For compacted and contracted Tribes that have assumed this responsibility, the Tribe performs all DOI functions except those considered inherently federal.

4.2 External Organizations. Identify the non-DOI organizations that support the execution of or contribute to this process.

External Organization	Contribution



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- 5. Event(s)** Identify the events or conditions that start the process. Describe each event and indicate the frequency (daily, monthly, quarterly, etc.) in which each event is expected to occur. An event may be an external interaction (a beneficiary submits an application), the expiration of a period of time (a lease is due to expire in 90 days), or the realization of some pre-defined threshold (an IIM account reaches the automatic disbursement threshold).

Event	Description	Estimated Frequency
End of 30-Day Notice Period	When the notice period has ended the Program Staff will continue with the preparation of the recommendation for the Delegated Line Official.	As requests for acquisitions are provided.

- 6. Inputs and Outputs.** Identify and describe all inputs and outputs related to this process. Inputs are information or materials used during the execution of the process; outputs are materials or information produced by the process.

6.1 Inputs

Input	Description
Complete application for On-Reservation undivided interest Fee to Trust acquisition.	Submit automated request and appropriate documentation for review including: narrative covering jurisdictional, administrative, existing land use plans; historical information; maps/plats; environmental documentation; tribal resolution; survey; appraisal/valuation; intended use; statutory authority for acquisition; and ownership information, Categorical Exclusion, Environmental Assessment, and Phase I Site Assessments, Title Opinion, comments (if any) from tribes/State/local governments.
Receive Final Title Opinion	Submit automated request for a Title Opinion and appropriate documentation for the review of title including: Grant/Warranty Deed, Abstract of Title/Title Insurance Commitment, and Documentation addressing exceptions in Title Insurance Commitment.

6.2 Outputs

Output	Description
Report of Investigation, Finding of Facts or Memorandum	Preparation of an automated format to detail the background of the application, statutory authority, and any documentation required to support the decision recommended by the staff person.

7. Fiduciary and Legal Obligations and Controls

7.1 Obligations



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Identify and describe the legal and fiduciary obligations that impact this process. For each obligation, indicate the document or commitment that defines the obligation and the citation (paragraph or section) within the document that pertains to this process.

Obligation	Source	Business Impact

7.2 Controls

Identify and describe any controls (enforcement mechanisms) that may be used to ensure that the process adheres to obligations and internal process requirements. Controls may be reviews, audits, segregated duties, etc. Indicate the reason that each control should be introduced (name the obligation that a control is intended to enforce; indicate any controls required to ensure consistency or reliability).

Control	Reason	Description
Report of Investigation	Standardization	Program Staff prepares a Report of Investigation delineating the Statutory Authority, Background, Purpose, and Scope of the transaction with a recommendation to accept or deny for the Delegated Line Official.

8. Mechanisms (Systems of Record)

Identify the mechanisms, or systems, that are needed to support the process (ex: Ownership, Leasing, Workflow Management, Office Filing System, etc.). Indicate the information and activities, relevant to this process, that each system supports.

System Name	Support
Integrated Database System	Automated format to allow staff to prepare recommendation for Delegated Line Official.
Office Filing System	Documentation will be placed in the Official Record.



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9. Inter-Process Relationships Identify other trust processes that are related to this process (either predecessors or successors). If applicable, indicate the condition under which the processes are related.

9.1 Predecessors. Predecessors are processes that either produce information required by this process or that result in the need to execute this process.

Process No.	Name	Condition of Relationship
O.1.2	Complete Application Package	This process all documentation that is required to complete a Fee to Trust acquisition is reviewed and analyzed.

9.2 Successors. Successors are processes that either use information produced by this process or that must be executed as a result of performing this process.

Process No.	Name	Condition of Relationship
O.1.4	Delegated Line Official Decision to Accept/Deny Application	Delegated Line Official reviews recommendation and makes an informed decision to approve or disapprove the request.
Outside process.	Office of Indian Gaming	Conveyance requests for Indian gaming are forwarded to the Office of Indian Gaming for completion.

10. Comments Summarize any discussion, problems, issues or recommendations that should be considered when reviewing process performance. Category Values (Note, Best Practice, Decision, Problem, Issue, Recommendation)

Category	Comment
Recommendation	Program Staff will prepare a Report of Investigation, Finding of Fact or Memorandum detailing Statutory Authority, Background, Purpose, Scope of the recommendation based upon their investigation of the request for acquisition and supporting documentation. Standardization of this report would be essential.